

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Michael Sweeting  
Serial No. 10/689,185  
Filing Date: October 20, 2003  
Confirmation No.: 2702  
Art Unit: 3694  
Examiner: Abdul Basit  
Title: **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING  
FUTURES CONTRACTS IN A FINANCIAL  
MARKET ENVIRONMENT**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT/SUBMISSION**

Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed January 2, 2009 in the above-identified application. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 14 of this paper.

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicant hereby petitions for a three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action of January 2, 2009. With the extension, the time for replying is extended up to and including July 2, 2009.

The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-3938 in the amount of \$1110.00 in connection with the petition for extension of time. The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 in connection with the present application, or credit any overpayment of same to Deposit Account No. 50-3938.